Meeting of District Collectors to speed up the rural development

†3059. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to convene a meeting of district collectors at State level to speed up the work of rural development;

(b) if so, the ageda of the proposed meeting;

(c) whether such meetings have been organized by Ministry earlier also; and

(d) if so, the outcome of these meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Government is not contemplating to convene a meeting of district collectors specifically to speed up the work of rural development. However, the Government is planning to convene a meeting of selected District Collectors to focus on the issue of governance at District level and to speed up the delivery of public services.

Amount for rural sanitation programme in Punjab

†3060. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked to the State of Punjab for rural sanitation programme in the year 2004-05; and

(b) the district-wise details of Punjab included under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is the only programme under implementation as part of Central Rural Sanitation Programme. TSC is a demand driven programme and no State-wise allocation of fund is made. TSC projects have been sanctioned in 14 out of 17 districts of Punjab. In addition, a start-up grant of Rs. 10 lakh has been sanctioned to three districts, namely Mansa,

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